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INCLUDING AUTOMATED  
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Dear Sir:

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type:

- original  
 design  
 supplemental  
 national stage of PCT

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- divisional  
 continuation  
 continuation-in-part

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names. We believe we are the original inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**A DIAGNOSTIC PETTE ASSEMBLY INCLUDING  
AUTOMATED ASPIRATION APPARATUS**

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which:

- (a) XX is attached hereto.  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Or Express Mail No.: \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. not yet known  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No.  
\_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS  
AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understood the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information

- Which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56  
 and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

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**PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119)**

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

- (d)  no such applications have been filed.  
(e)  such applications have been filed as follows.

**A. PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION  
AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119**

COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
			___ Yes ___ No ___
			___ Yes ___ No ___

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120**

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 34, United States Code, § 120 of any United States applications or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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**PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS  
DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120:**

<b>U.S. APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>Status (Check One)</b>			
<b>U.S. APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>U.S. FILING DATE</b>	<b>Patented</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Abandoned</b>

**USC 119 PRIORITY CLAIM, IF ANY, FOR ABOVE LISTED  
U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS**

Above Application No. Details of Foreign Application From Which Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119

Not Applicable

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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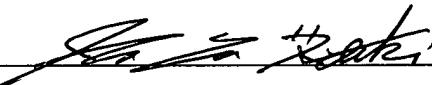
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DECLARATION

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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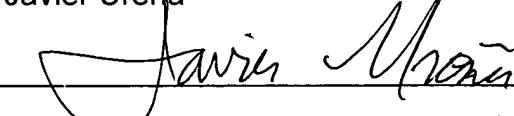
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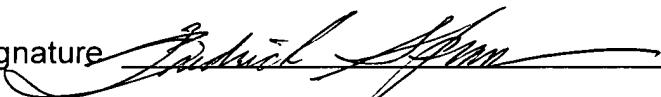
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Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application.

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